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MY CHILD'S ORIGIN.

BY DAVID BARKER.

One night as old St. Peter slept,
He left the gates of Heaven ajar,
When through a little angel crept,
And came down like a falling star.

One Summer—as the blessed beams
Of morn approached, my blushing bride,
Awakened from some pleasing dream,
And found that angel by her side.

God grant but this—I ask no more—
That when he leaves this world of sin,
He'll wing his way to that bright shore,
And find that door of Heaven again.

[Whereupon some fellow of the practical
sort, without any imagination, and not
possessing the 'divine afflatus,' attempts to
destroy the little illusion of Barker, to wit:

SAINT PETER'S REPLY.

Full eighteen hundred years or more
I've kept my door securely tyed—
There was no 'little angel' strayed,
Nor has been missing all the while.

I did not sleep as you supposed,
Nor left the door of Heaven ajar;
Nor has a 'little angel' left,
And gone down like a falling star.

Go ask that blushing bride and see,
If she won't frankly own and say,
That when she found that angel babe,
She found it by the good old way.

God grant but this—I ask no more—
That should your number still enlarge,
That you will not do as before,
And lay it to old Peter's charge.

EPIGRAM.

Life, young man, is only
A slippery piece of ice;
No girls there—it's lonely;
One girl there—it's nice.

This song is said to have been sung by
Jay Gould, Esq., to the popular Scotch air:

O, Jimmy Fisk, my Jo, Jim,
When we were first acquaint,
You used to peddle buttons, Jim,
At seven for a cent;

But now you drive six horses
In a way that isn't slow,
For things have changed since Henry died,
O, Jimmy Fisk, my Jo.

O, Jimmy Fisk, my Jo, Jim,
We'll never, never weary
Of squeezing every penny from
The stockholders of Erie;
And if by any chance, Jim,
We to the gallows go,
We'll sleep together at the foot,
O, Jimmy Fisk, my Jo.

Immense Area for a State.

The Idaho Statesman, after arguing
in favor of all United States' territory
being placed under State governments,
and the evils resulting from creating
a State with a comparatively small
population, blocks out the following
plan to meet its views:

Therefore, if the people and Congress
are wise, they will repeal the
Organic Acts of Montana, Idaho and
Utah Territories; add them and a por-
tion of eastern Oregon to Nevada, and
make one mighty Rocky Mountain,
Sage-brush, Bunch-grass, Horn-silver
and Virgin-gold State out of it.
There is, and probably will be for the
next fifty years, about enough popu-
lation in it to make a powerful State.
And this arrangement would also
afford the readiest solution of the Mor-
mon question. It would put them un-
der a people who know how to manage
them, and who would do it.

A charitable Cincinnati gentleman
keeps a pair of dogs chained to his
front door, so that poor people who
stop to "get a bite," can be accommo-
dated without taking the trouble to go
in the house.

AMERICANS IN MEXICO.

How they are Treated by the Sono- ra Authorities.

Following is a condensed history, in
the form of sworn testimony, showing
what befell James Fea, Uria G. John-
ston and Walter Welsh on their way
home through the Republic of Mexico.
The testimony exhibits what penalties
the Sonora authorities inflict on Amer-
ican citizens for permitting themselves
to be attacked and robbed by gangs
of Mexican highwaymen and assassins,
and how the latter are officially shield-
ed from punishment. This case is,
from an official standpoint, a counter-
part of the Mission Camp Massacre,
except that in the latter instance the
deed was done on American soil, and
great care taken that the attacked
parties could neither pursue the mur-
derers nor be brought to punishment
for allowing Mexicans to kill and rob
them.

The two deponents in the case be-
fore us, bear a good name for industry
and integrity with all who know them
in Arizona. Mr. Fea was the engin-
eer at the Santa Rita saw-mill, and
many men about Tucson have long
and favorably known him. Their tes-
timony will be forwarded to Washing-
ton, and here it is:

Personally appeared before me
Charles H. Meyers, a justice of the
peace in and for Tucson precinct, Pi-
ma county, Arizona Territory, James
Fea and Uria G. Johnston, the sub-
scribing witnesses hereto, and each for
himself testifies under oath as follows,
to-wit: That on or about August 20,
1870, he in company with the other
and Walter Welsh left Arizona Terri-
tory for the Port of Guaymas in the
State of Sonora, in the Republic of
Mexico, bound for his home in the
United States of which country he and
companions are citizens; that when
quietly on their way and about 120
miles on their route from the Arizona
line in the State of Sonora, they were
each and all attacked by men of Mex-
ican birth from an ambush, and Mr.
Walter Welsh mortally wounded by
the attacking party, and that he died
soon thereafter; that acting upon the
advice of Welsh who felt that he could
not live but an hour or so at most,
each of deponents fled to the city of
Magdalena in Sonora, and related
what occurred and sought aid to cap-
ture and bring to punishment the at-
tacking parties; that thereupon the
authorities of said Magdalena caused
each of themselves to be arrested and
imprisoned on charge of murder; that
this arrest was made upon a report of
Mexicans who professes to have exam-
ined the scene of attack and who re-
ported no trace or tracks except those
made by deponents; that at deponents'
request, they were permitted to hire
horses and men and repair to the scene
of the attack, and showed the tracks
and ambush of the assassins, and that
thereafter those who attempted to fas-
ten the crime of murder upon depon-
ents admitted that they saw other
tracks but forgot to report the fact;
that after their return from showing
the evidence of their innocence and
the guilt of others, they were tried
and acquitted by a court in Magdale-
na; that the verdict was sent to Ures
for approval of the Supreme Court,
and was annulled; that deponents
were again arrested, imprisoned and
tried, and acquitted by a jury and
court of Magdalena, and that said
verdict was finally approved at Ures;
that the date of the first imprisonment
occurred about September 1, 1870, and
was of but short duration actually in
prison yet constantly under duress;
that the second actual incarceration in
jail was on or about Oct. 20, 1870 and
continued up till Dec. 26th, following,
when the second trial occurred; that
after the second acquittal, they were
each restrained from leaving the city
until February 6, 1871, and that in
fact they were deprived of their liberty
from Sept. 1, 1870 to Feb. 6, 1871,
without the least evidence against them
of guilt or of violation of any law of
said State of Sonora, but on the con-
trary in the face of ample proof that
other men known to deponents by
sight were the perpetrators of the
crime of murdering their companion
Welsh, and that no effort was made
for their arrest; that while deponents

were in jail, they were compelled to
purchase and pay with their own mon-
ey for all the food they ate and every
other personal necessity; that they
paid \$25 for horses and the designated
men to examine the scene of the mur-
der and attack upon them; that after
their entire acquittal of all charges
and approval of the verdict at Ures,
they were compelled to pay \$35.50 to
the magistrate of Magdalena before
he would permit them to leave; that
their arrest and detention for the time
specified above, was made to cost them
a large amount of money needlessly
and as deponents verily believe mali-
ciously; that the magistrate of Mag-
dalena was heard to publicly declare
on the streets of that city, that he
wished the citizens or people—mean-
ing Mexicans—would murder every
American who came among them;
that the same magistrate obtained
from the body of the murdered man
Welsh the sum of \$155, and that at the
time of their departure from Magda-
lena, he still retained said amount of
cash; that they are fully of opinion
that the Mexican authorities desire
and encourage the murder and plun-
dering of American citizens, but that
there are many Mexican citizens who
desire justice alone should be meted
to all; that in their individual cases,
several Mexican citizens gave them
valuable aid, but for which they would
still have been prisoners if not hung
or shot by the Mexican authorities.
And deponents further state that their
cases are entitled to the fullest consid-
eration of the United States Govern-
ment, and that the Mexican Govern-
ment should be compelled to repair the
damage inflicted upon themselves so
far as money can repay the pangs of
unjust incarceration, loss of many
months time, a frustration of their
lawful and proper designs in return-
ing to their homes.

JAMES FEA,

URIA G. JOHNSTON.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 25th day of February 1871.
CHARLES H. MEYERS,
Justice of the Peace, Pima county,
Territory of Arizona.

Erroneous Impression.

An impression prevails among those
connected with the Army, that every
honorably discharged soldier and sea-
man who served ninety days or more
in the late war for the Union, may
select 160 acres of public land and re-
ceive a patent therefor at the end of five
years without any settlement or im-
provement thereon, and we believe it
to be erroneous. A careful review of
the statutes on the subject of lands,
has not disclosed any such provision,
and Hon. George W. Julian, of the
Committee on Public Lands, made a
speech in the House of Representatives
on January 21, 1871, in which he de-
clared such a measure to be pending,
and in opposing it used this language:

"The bounty which the soldier needs
and deserves should be paid in money,
and be graded in amount according to
his term of service; or if land is to be
given him, let him have it under the
homestead law, with the discrimina-
tion in his favor that his term of ser-
vice, whether long or short, shall be
counted as part of the five years' set-
tlement now prescribed by law."

For the benefit of soldiers who really
believe otherwise, we give this infor-
mation.

A late number of The San Diego
Union remarks:

We have read with interest the re-
ports in the Globe of the debate on the
Indian Appropriation bill. McCorm-
ick, of Arizona, made a manly fight
against the stupid ignorance which
prevails among the Eastern members
on the Apache question. He was
seconded by the California members,
and Fitch of Nevada, but there was a
marked disposition to disregard his
arguments.

Plain people have the advantage
over the beautiful during a part of
life; that is, when old age comes.
Homeliness wears well; it seems to
mend with years, or at least, it has
nothing to spoil. As a general rule,
the most worn and time-touched faces
are the faces of those once handsome.
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the ravages of time, but mere personal
beauty is evanescent.

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